

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1-23 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, 20 and 23, drawn to a dietary supplement and a method for improving the taste and color of noni-based dietary supplements, classified in class 424, subclass 439.
- II. Claims 13-19, 21 and 22, drawn to a dietary supplement comprising a noni puree concentrate, classified in class 424, subclass 439.

Applicant respectfully requests that the application be restricted to the claims of Group I, specifically claims 1-12, 20 and 23, without traverse. Claims 13-19, 21 and 22 are being withdrawn from the application.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present claims. In the event the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of this application which could be clarified by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 21 day of July 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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